

The Architectural League Prize for Young Architects + Designers 2023: Uncomfortable

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Call for entries
Young architects and designers are invited to submit work to the 2023 Architectural League Prize competition. Projects of all types, either theoretical or real, and executed in any medium, are welcome. The jury will select work for presentation in lectures, digital media, and an exhibition in June 2023. Winners will receive a cash prize of \$2,000.

Established in 1981 to recognize visionary work by young practitioners, The Architectural League Prize for Young Architects + Designers is an annual competition organized by The Architectural League and its Young Architects + Designers Committee.

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For full information about eligibility and submission requirements, please visit archleague.org/LP23.

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Theme: Uncomfortable
This is an open call for a generation of designers in an age of the Uncomfortable.

Feeling awkward, nervous, or uneasy? As young designers, we are wrestling with numerous uncomfortable responsibilities: dismantling architectural legacies, challenging traditional paradigms, grappling with the costs of comfort, responding to ecological concerns. Our many discomforts range in scale, context, and urgency.

The 2023 Architectural League Prize for Young Architects + Designers asks entrants to examine the Uncomfortable. From climate change to labor practices, the sources of our discomfort demand both critical reflection and collective imagination. Are you restless within the discipline's status quo? How do you respond to discomfort? Whose comfort matters?

We invite practices to demonstrate how they find comfort within the unconventional, discover opportunity within crisis, and use the Uncomfortable as a design tool.

Eligibility
The competition is open only to current full-time residents (who need not be citizens) of the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Entrants must be ten years or less out of a bachelor's or master's degree program. Current students are ineligible.

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Submission requirements
A single digital portfolio in PDF format, with a file size no larger than 35MB and page dimensions not to exceed 11x14". It may not contain more than 30 pages in total, excluding the cover page.

The competition theme is given as a basis for young architects and designers to reflect upon and reevaluate their work. A written statement not to exceed 250 words that defines and considers the work under the rubric of the competition theme is required. Significant weight is given to how an applicant's work addresses the theme.

This is an anonymous competition. Submitted portfolios may not contain any form of identification. Including an entrant's name, firm name, or photograph anywhere in the portfolio is grounds for disqualification.

Selection
Winning entrants will be notified by mid-March 2023.

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Entry fee
The entry fee is \$35 per submission, to be paid via the online application platform.

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Competition deadline
February 15, 2023
Entries must be received through our online platform by 11:59 pm EST. There will be no exceptions to this deadline.

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